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THE RASCALLY SUGAR TRUST.

The sugar trust is getting a worse reputation than the Standard Oil monopoly ever had; indeed, in the ranks of criminal corporations it has attained to an eminence in badness which even the old life insurance combine did not reach. The latest development of its organized rascality inspires the New York World to ask if there is any law it could have broken which it has not violated? and the Wall Street News to describe its refinery deal as "so ugly that it can not be adequately characterized under the statutes governing newspaper comment."

This deal was the destruction of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, a competing \$30,000,000 organization owning the great refinery in Philadelphia which Auolph Segal built. Segal was the company's president and chief stockholder. It seems that he became involved and needed to borrow \$1,250,000 on the plant. Gustav E. Kissel, a capitalist and a secret agent of the trust, offered to accommodate him, with the proviso that, during the term of the loan, he (Kissel) should name the directors of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company. This was agreed to, whereupon Kissel elected himself and some of his clerks directors and shut down the plant, ruining Segal, involving other concerns in which he was interested, causing his indictment on forty-one counts and the suicide of the president of a trust company in which Segal held a controlling interest. As soon as he had cleared himself of his indictments, Segal brought a damage suit against the trust, which the latter has settled out of court rather than have its rascality exhibited in court.

But a few weeks ago the sugar trust paid an enormous fine for swindling the customs out of millions by means of bunco trickery in weighing sugar brought from abroad; a while before that it was caught stealing water for its Brooklyn refinery from the city mains, which it had secretly tapped, and earlier yet it was convicted and fined for rebating. It is not to be supposed that all its tricks have been found out yet. Conscienceless, criminal and brazen, it has set an example of contempt for law and the commonest principles of honor and probity which puts it highest in the class of corporate malefactors.

Mr. Roosevelt, with this light on his policy toward predatory trusts, need not apologize for it. But for him the methods of the sugar combine might now have been the common ones in the secret counsels and in the open manifestations of high finance.

THE INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS.

One hears on all sides the exclamation, "those injunction proceedings ought to have been brought long ago," referring, of course, to the injunction suit brought by the Oahu Sugar Company against the Higher Wage coterie to break up the intimidation of Japanese laborers desiring to work on that plantation.

We are informed that no later than Wednesday night a group of several laborers returning to that plantation had to be accompanied every foot of the way by police from the railroad station at Waipahu to their quarters on the plantation, and that their advent was marked by the gathering of a large crowd of Japanese at once upon the street where these returning laborers had to pass to get to plantation shelter. Nothing but the presence of police prevented a repetition of the Waipahu riot of June 8.

The injunction suit is welcomed by everybody who stands for law and order and personal liberty. This is not an issue on which any should divide according to their leanings for or against plantations. It is too fundamental an issue to be affected by any such personal bias.

If the Higher Wage Association can break down the resistance of the plantations, equipped, organized and financed as they are, the reader can well imagine for himself how helpless the balance of the community would be when placed under the yoke of an organization that was able to triumph over the plantations. The plantations are fighting, primarily, their own battle, but in a larger sense they are fighting for the welfare of every citizen in this Territory.

THE JIJI'S REPLY.

The Jiji is frank if nothing else. Its reply to the Advertiser's arraignment of the Japanese merchants of this city amounts to this: "You see, somebody has given us away, and that somebody is Sheba."

The Jiji disdains to deny the imputations against the Japanese merchants; the Jiji's only plaint is that the program, which was to be kept strictly from the white population, even though published openly in the Japanese newspapers, has unexpectedly become public through the fact that out of the seventy thousand Japanese residing in the Territory, there are several "traitors," to wit: Japanese who translate into English articles appearing in the Japanese press. Anyone who would do that is relegated at once by the Japanese community to the company of outcasts. The Jiji, in explaining what a "sycophant" is and how to identify him, places in that class all Japanese on the plantations who occupy positions of trust and "tell the managers the inside truth about what is going on among us,"—that is, the Japanese.

The Territorial government long ago should have had, in addition to a practical Japanese court interpreter, some English or American expert in the Japanese language whose duty it would be to make translations from time to time of articles appearing in these local Japanese papers so as to keep the authorities informed of what is going on. Had this been done, the Jiji's nuisance would have been suppressed long ago. Meanwhile, the Jiji's notice to the Japanese merchant that "we are discovered" is interesting to note.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

The Japanese war office is usually wide-awake and it does not intend, at this or any juncture, to be caught napping. Although it has a corps of 22,000 men at Mukden, Japan's northernmost post in Manchuria, the war office is reinforcing it and will strengthen the defenses of the place, and all this despite the obligation to withdraw from Manchuria imposed by the treaty of Portsmouth.

The reason for this activity may be found in the obvious intent of Russia to renew the war. Enormous sums are being spent on the army; and, despite the failing health of Russian trade in the Orient, the Transsiberian railway is being double-tracked. There is a belief in Japan which the extraordinary precautions taken by Russia to keep foreigners out of Central Asiatic Russia has something to do with, that the establishment near the border of military camps and depots of supplies is well under way. To meet the probable emergency Japan has been busy for years; and the concentration of Mukden is but one phase of a martial preparation so wide and busy that it lately scared the United States into the belief that Japan meant aggrandizement at our expense. But the whole thing seems to have been predicated on the belief that Russia will fight again for lost ground.

Liberians are pained that the United States did not send a fleet of battleships to their distracted shores and that the commission to investigate them did not include Booker Washington, but did contain his secretary. They feel that their importance has been slighted. Nevertheless they brightened up at the idea of getting financial assistance from America and made a big spread of their resources.

Overcharging strangers is an old Hilo habit. Complaint was made about it when a Congressional party went there some years ago, hack-hire, shines, shaves and utilities generally costing just double. The spirit shown was that of wreckers on the beach. If this sort of thing is to go on, Hilo will have no need of reopening her hotel. The old accommodations won't be taxed.

The United States has usually had good Presidents, and the line of succession is being worthily prolonged by President Taft. He is perhaps nearer to being a Chief Magistrate in all that phrase should imply than was any one of his predecessors, Mr. Cleveland not excepted, since the close of the Civil War.

The new ship subsidy bill shows scant respect to American ship companies which, with a monopoly of the coastwise trade, won't build ships enough to accommodate it.

Wm. T. Stead is going to open an office where one may communicate with spirits. It is not known whether he intends to take out a license or run a blind pig.

The protesting bleat of the town calf will make Lorin Andrews feel that he is really home.

Are the tariff troubles blowing over or just beginning?

PORTIA COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

Marshall Darrach Carries His Audience Back to Venice.

When we were little kiddies and were told stories before we went to sleep, there were two that always stood out as great favorites. There was the one about the Golden Fleece and the brave, strong man who cleft his way through the field sown with dragon's teeth to snatch the golden fleece from the bough where it hung, soaked with dew, and then there was the story about the old Jew and the pound of flesh.

What thrills we had when we heard about the beautiful girl in her lawyer's gown and unsexed garments, standing up before the dreadful Doge and marking fine points of law so that the horrid old money-lender could not carve flesh from the man who had been good enough to loan her lover money. How we chortled when we found that the old Jew not only lost his revenge but was made to turn half his estate over to his victim. And then the choosing of the caskets. What an appeal it was to our young imaginations to think that a man should be wise enough to choose the merely iron box when both gold and silver were lying there for him to take.

It was a beautiful story. A human story and one that will always cling to us by the simple telling of it when the mystic hour of between "Well just one more story and then you go to sleep" and the coming of the big Dustman.

And then we grew older and were taken to see this story told on the stage. It may have been Benson, with his charming wife as Portia, it may have been a hundred and one other theatrical companies. But we sat in a box or down near the front and we saw the grease paint and the unreality of the whole stage business and we recognized the story only just enough to be sorry that we had come.

The old Jew looked like a Jew, but we could see he was made up for the part. Portia would have been beautiful if the atropin had not made her eyes squint. It was a sad disillusionment and it was only the ice cream and tarts that Auntie treated us to after the show that made us enthuse when we got home and were telling about it.

But last night, a few of us, only a very, very few of us who have been through that same hard disillusionment, had the delight of going back to the old days and having the story told as it should be told.

Marshall Darrach stood on the platform, he waved his hands and spoke a few words. Suddenly we were all lying in our seats once again and listening to the story. Venice lay smiling in the distance and the vineyard-clad road rolled white and shiny in the sun back to the city of Padua.

Antonio stood on the wharves and sadly shook his head as his shipwrecked captains brought back the news of the disasters to his ships. There was fair Portia openly avowing her love for Lord Bassanio and there was the noble youth making his hard-thought choice of caskets.

To say that it was great would be vandalism. In fact it takes an appeal to the imagination to describe just how good it was. That story of the man who borrowed money to help his friend, of the hard luck that followed, of the way in which "The Girl" sought out her uncle and learned enough of law to confound all the wisecracks, of the swift weddings and the final happy outcome, of the everyday—and therefore appealing—humor of the serving man and his lass, that is a story that has never been beaten in the telling by what Marshall Darrach, the Irish wizard, did last night at the Young Hotel.

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WHOSE SALES ARE SALES.

dy, tragedy and a beautiful story, next Monday he will give us Shakespeare in his most whimsical mood—The Tempest. Who can think of anything more appealing to the imagination than that shipwreck story, with the bluff sailor who loudly stated that "This man has no drowning mark upon him," the dreadful, misshapen Caliban, the dainty Ariel and the dread master of all of them. The sweet, unbackneyed lines of the man who carries lumber to win his bride and states that "There be some labors are pleasant." Go and see Darrach's characters next Monday. You don't see Darrach, you see his people and Shakespeare's people.

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